



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/981,700
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For: METHOD FOR CONNECTING SPLIT IMAGES AND IMAGE SHOOTING APPARATUS
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, which provides for a response period ending March 15, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, for three additional months to June 15, 2006, is being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.